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For the year ending March 31, 1955



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1. Administration—Sarvasri K. D. Bajpai, M.A. and J. P. Chaturvedi worked as Curator and Sub-Curator respectively throughout the year under report.

2. Finance—The Government grant for the year was spent under various heads as mentioned below:

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INCOME

(a) Sale of Museum Publications

1.	Sale of Museum Handbook (Hindi), 30 copies at twelve annas each	 22	8	
2	Sale of Museum Picture Post Cards, 124 sets at Re.1 each	 124	0	

3. Sale of Archaeology in Uttar Pradesh (English), 49 copies at Rs.1-8-0 each 73 8

Total _ 220 0

Rs. a.

The amount realized from sale of publications nos. 1 and 2 was credited into the local Government Treasury under the head "XLV—Printing and Stationery, U. P., Acts and other Books" and the sale-proceeds of no. 3 under the head "46—Miscellaneous Receipts—Commissions and Committees—U. P."

(b) Sale of grass

The amount of Rs.35 realized from sale of grass in the Museum compound was deposited into the Government Treasury under the head "XXXVI-Misc. Department Museum Receipts, U. P.".

3. Acquisitions—(a) Sculptures, etc.—During the year 107 antiquities (Museum Register no. 3795 to 3901) consisting of stone sculptures, architectural pieces, inscriptions, terracottas, clay sealings, pottery and bronzes

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were added to the Museum collection. They include 38 articles presented by Sri Krishna Janmabhumi Trust and 12 by Sri Radha Raman, Saraf of Chowk Bazar, Mathura.

The following deserve special notice:

- No. 3799. Part of a terracotta clay cart nicely carved. The two sides bear flower and leaf patterns. In the centre is seated a male figure, probably the driver who holds a staff in right hand. His head is covered. Red clay. Sunga period.
- No. 5810. Salabhanjika female figure standing under an Asoka tree. The hands and the lower portion of feet are broken. The figure is exquisitely carved and wears dhoti and a scarf flowing over the shoulders. She also wears five-beaded mekhala, neck-lace, ear-pendants and ornaments of the fore-head. Her hair is tastefully arranged. Gupta period.
- No. 3867. Vishnu in his Virata form. Various gods in different poses are shown in the fragment. Gupta period.
- No. 3862. Brick-panel showing in relief an interesting scene. A lady is riding a ram. The animal is running fast. The rider is holding the tail of the animal in her right hand, while her felt hand rests on the neck of the ram. The head and part of the right leg of the lady are damaged. Red clay. Gupta period.
- No. 5874. Image of Kubera. The front is badly damaged. But the back is well-preserved. The heavy torque, scarf and the other details resemble with the figure no. C.3 already in the Mathura Museum. Red sandstone. Kushana.
- No. 3876. Staircase railing pillar showing the Buddha in abhayamudra. The Buddha stands on a full blown lotus. There is a lotus bud between his two legs. Over the head is a parasol and at the bottom is shown a railing. The face of Buddha and the right hand are damaged. Red sandstone. Kushana period.
- No. 3880. Terracotta object showing a female riding over a potbellied man. The lady wears a number of ornaments and holds some indistinct object in hands. The man below is giving her support with his hands. Black clay. Late Sunga period.
- No. 3892. Lower part of a terracotta image of Vasudhara. The goddess is holding her girdle with the left hand. Below her right hand is seen a pair of fish. Red clay. Sunga period.

- No. 3901. Terracotta elephant of large size. The tusks and part of the trunk are broken. The legs are also partly damaged. The front of the animal is adorned with garlands, one on each side. The figure was polished, traces of which are visible. Black clay. Maurya period.
- (b) Coins—In all 753 new coins were added to the Museum Coin Cabinet. They include a lot of 354 copper coins of the Kushana Emperors of Mathura.
- 4. Arrangement—The important antiquities acquired during the year were, after cleaning and mounting on wooden pedestals, displayed in the museum galleries. The exhibited objects were provided with descriptive labels both in English and Hindi.
- 5. Educational activities—As desired by the Government of India, 12 Buddhist sculptures of the Kushana period were sent from this Museum to Rangoon for the Exhibition of the Buddhist Art organized in Rangoon in connection with the Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. The sculptures were much appreciated by a large number of visitors. All the 12 pieces have since been received back safely.

Photographs of important Mathura antiquities were supplied to scholars and institutions in India and abroad for study and publication.

 Research and Publications—A number of research articles were contributed by the Curator to the leading Journals and Periodicals in Hindi and English. He also broadcast several talks from the Delhi and Lucknow stations of the All-India Radio.

The ilustrated brochure Yuga Yugon Men Uttar Pradesh, written by the undersigned was sent to the press and its final proofs were seen. The book deals with the history of Uttar Pradesh in a chronological order and describes in detail all the important historical and cultural centres in U. P. As the first publication of its kind, the publication will remove a long-felt want.

Another book Braja Ka Itihasa (290 pages) written by the Curator, Sri Bajpai, was published during the year. It is a comprehensive history of the Mathura region covering the period from the pre-historic times to the present day.

- Library—During the year 65 new books on Art, History and Archæology were added to the Museum Library in addition to the important journals and periodicals.
- 7. Building-The Museum buildings, lawns and gardens, were maintained in a neat and tidy condition, as usual.
- 8. Visitors—The Museum attracted a large number of visitors and tourists from India and abroad. The batches of students from local and outside educational institutions were taken round the galleries by the Curator, and the Sub-Curator. The foreign diplomats stationed at the

capital of India took keen interest in this Museum. They were provided all facilities in the Museum. Those who desired were taken round the ancient sites in Mathura.

The Rajyapal of Uttar Pradesh, Sri K. M. Munshi, accompanied by Diwan Bahadur Sri K. M. Jhaveri, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, graced this Museum by their visit on March 20, 1955. They were taken round the galleries by the Curator. The new additions in the galleries were highly appreciated by the Rajyapal, who also discussed with the Curator about the development of Indian Art.

Among other distinguished guests, the following deserve mention:

- General Rajendra Singh Ji, Commander-in-Chief, Indian -Army.
- (2) Sri Vichitra Narayan Sharma, Minister for Transport, U. P.
- (3) Major General Thorat, New Delhi.
- (4) Sri P. C. Chaudhary, 1.c.s., Secretary, State Reorganization Commission, New Delhi.
- (5) Sri Rai Krishna Dasa, Director, Bharat Kala Bhawan, Banaras.
- (6) Dr. R. C. Mazumdar, Calcutta.
- (7) Dr. O. C. Maonchen, University of California, U. S. A.
- (8) The Curator, Metropolitan Museum of Arts, New York.
- (9) Sri R. N. Singh, Chief Conservator of Forests, U. P., with the World Forest Delegation.
- (10) Prof. L. G. Pinean, University of Saigon.
- (11) Lt.-Gen. K. S. Thimaiya, New Delhi.
- (12) Dr. J. B. De. Casparis, Archæological Service, Indonesia.
- (13) H. E. the German Ambassador in India, New Delhi.
- (14) Sri Sonaram Soren, Commerce Minister, Orissa.
- (15) Sardar K. M. Pannikar and
- (16) Dr. W. Tunkar, German Trade Commissioner in India.

K. D. BAJPAI,

Curator, Archæological Museum, Mathura.

June 14, 1955. •

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APPENDIX A

List of antiquities acquired for the Archaelogical Museum, Mathura during the year 1954-55

Register no.	Description	Locality	Source
3795 Head of B	luddha with curly hair, Red	Katra Keshavadev	a Purchased.
3796 Earthen pe		Do	, Do.
3797 Earthen po	ot, Complete	Do.	. Do.
3798 Earthen pe	ot. Broken at two places at	Do	. Do.
3799 Part of a te In the	centre is seated a male figure, ly the driver, who holds a his right hand. Red clay; sunga,	Do.	. Do.
3800 Terracotta promin	head of a male figure with ent turban.	Do.	Do.
standin	ge of four-handed Lakshmi g on a lotus. One hand is amaged.	, Do	Dô,
3802 Stone pic Early n	ece showing a male figure, nedle al.	Mahavidya Tila	, Do. 1
3803 Small muti mesha	lated head, probably of Naiga- Red sandstone.	Bharatpur Gate .	- Do. 32 (1)
3804 Terracotta hood a	male head with a serpent- bove. Red clay. Kushana.	Do	. Do.
3805 Terracotta	male head. Kushana	Do	. Do.
	head of a male figure with his sen. Red clay, Kushana,	Do.	Do.
3807 Torso of a clay, K	a terracotta male figure, Red ushana.	Katra Keshavadev	a Presented by Sri Radha- raman Saraf, Mathura.
	male head wearing a heavy hat. y, Kushana.	Do.	Do.
3809 Upper par	t of a terracotta female figure. ny, Early Kushana.	Do.	Do.
810 Salabhanjik an Aso orname arrange	ta female figure standing under ka tree. She wears different ints. Her hair is tastefully d. Gupta period. Red sand	Do	Presented by Sri Krishan Janma Bhumi, Trust Mathura.
stone.			
	rt of an image of Vishnu. Red ne. Gupta period.	Do	· Do.
boy. Kamand	rt of a carved stone showing ures—a male, a female and a The boy is holding a small ulu in his left and a takuta in d. Red sandstone. Gupta.	Do .	Do.

Register Description	Locality		Source
3813 Image of standing Surya made of buff stone. C. 600 A. D.	Katra Keshavado	eva E	Presented by Sri Krishan Janmabhumi Trust, Mathura.
3814 Kubera and Hariti, red sandstone. Kushana.	Do.	11.	Do.
3815 Male bust of buff coloured stone. The curiy hair are tied with a beaded rosette, C. Sixth century A. D.	Do		Do.
3816 Male head with elaborate Jatajuta. Red sandstone. Early medieval.	Do.	**	Do.
3817 Head similar to the above but having pointed board. Red sandstone.	Do.		Do.
3818 Male head, Early medieval	Do.	lea.	Do.
3819 Red sand stone male head with earrings and elaborate hair arrangement. 3820 Buff stone male head with smiling fea- tures.	Do.	**	Do.
3821 Headless Vishnu image. Fourth century a	.D. Do.	••	Do.
3822 Red sandstone figure of a potbellied gana holding some musical instrument in his bands.	Do.	-4.	Do.
3823 Red sandstone figure of a running animal, probably being chased by some hunter.	Do.	**	Do.
3824 Defaced head of a female with elaborate coiffure on the back. Red sandstone Late Gupta.	Do.	**	Do.
3825 Back portion of a mutilated figure. The hair arrangement is very tastefully and elaborately done. Buff colourer sandstone. Late Gupta,	y		Do.
3826 Headless male bust. Red sandstone.	Do.	74.4	Do.
3827 Female bust. Head broken. Red sand stone. Early medieval.	l- Do.		Do.
3828 Decorative Kirttimukha	. Do.		Do.
3829 Head of a lion	. Do.	34	Do.
3830 Stone piece carved with a decorative her	id Do.		. Do.
3831 Stone slab with three demon figure Red sandstone. Medieval.	s. Do.		Do.
3832 Part of a door-jamb	Do.		
3833 Teracotta broken elephant. Black cla Maurya.	y. Do.		. Do.

Re- gis- ter- no.	Description	Loca	ality	Source
3834 T	erracotta dog. Broken. Traces of Red slip. Kushana.	Katra¶Kes	hava-deva	Presented by Sri Krishna Jan mabhumi Trust,
3835 S	tone fragment carved with a Brahmi inscription of the Gupta period.	Do.	100	Mathura. Do.
3836 P	art of sculpture showing Maha Vishnu, Gupta,	Do.		De.
3837 V	ishnu in his Virata form. Gupta period	Do.		Do.
3838	Stone fragment bearing a Brahmi inscription of ninth century, A. D.	Do,	i const	Do.
3839	Part of a staircase railing pillar showing a defaced female figure standing under Asoka tree. Red sand stone. Kushana period.	Do.		Do.
3840	Architectural piece showing a lion face within the arched niche. Red sand-stone. Gupta.	Do.		Do.
3841	Architectural piece with a mutilated male figure holding a spear. Red' sandstone. Gupta period.	Do.		Do.
3842	Vishnu's head having a high Kirita mukuta Red sandstone. Mediealv.	Do.		Do.
3843	Male torso. Much damaged. Red sandstone. Gupta.	Do.	on	Do.
3844	Broken torso, probably of Vishnu. Red sandstone. Medieval.	Do.		Do.
3845	Part of an animal. Red sandstone	Do.		Do.
3846	Carved brick with creeper and leaf design. Gupta.	Do.		Do.
3847	Carved brick. Gupta	Do.	10	Do.
3848	Terracotta female torso of Mother-Goddess type. Black clay. Maurya.	Do.	Pr	resented by Sri Radha- Raman Saraf, Mathura.
3849	Broken figure of an animal. Black clay. Maurya.	Do.	mer to	Do.
•3850	Earthen pot probably used as an inkpot	Do.		Do.
3851	Front of a polished elephant figure showing broken trunk and tusks,	Do.		Do.

Re- gis- ter no.	Description	Locality		Source	***************************************
3852	Terracotta head. Black clay. Kushana	Katra Keshav	adeva	Presented by Sri Radh Raman Saraf, Mathura	a.
3853	Terracotta dog. Damaged. Red clay	Do.	-0.000	Do.	
3854	Earthen pot probably used as an inkpot	Do.		Do.	
3855	Terracotta dog. Feet broken. Red clay	Do.		Do.	
3856	Front of terracotta elephant figure	Do.		Do.	
3857	Fragment showing Brhmanical goddess in standing pose. Red sandstone. Early medieval.	Do.	a san isah	Purchased.	
3858	Terracotta male head with high turban. Red clay. Gupta period.	Do.		Do.	
3859	Terracotta female head wearing a pearl ornament on the forehead. Black clay. Maurya.	Do.		Do.	
3860	Terracotta monkey. Red clay. Kushana	Do.	**	Do.	
3861	Terracotta monkey. Red clay. Kushana	Do.		Do.	
3862	Brick panel showing a lady riding on a ram. The animal is running fast. She holds the tail of the animal in her righ hand, while her left hand rests on the neck of the ram. Red clay. Gupta.	t	a. Bar	eilly Do.	
3863	Terracotta panel with a headless seated male figure. Red clay Gupta.	Do,	And a	Do.	
3864	Head of a foreigner, probably a Persian soldier. Red clay. Gupta.	Do.	t	Do.	
3865	Terracotta female figure. Red clay	Do.	la contra	Do.	
3866	Clay foot-rubber (Jhama) round shaped. Red clay. Gupta.	Do.		Do.	
3867	Terracotta broken image of Ganesha Red clay, Gupta period.	. Do.	**	Do.	
3868	Terracotta female figure of archaic style. Black clay. Maurya.		-	Do.	
3869	Terracotta male figure. Red clay.	D9.		Do.	
3870	Terracotta standing bull. Red clay. Gupta.	Do.	**	Do.	
3871	Upper part of a terracotta female figure. Black clay. Sunga.	Do.	- Anna	Do.	• •

hands. Red sandstone. Kushana.

cross-legged. Red clay.

3886 Terracotta headless male figure seated 'Chamarhana Bara

Do.

Re- gis- ter no.	Description	Locality	Source
3887	Upper part of a terracotta female figure with elaborate coiffure. Red clay. Late Sunga.	Chamarhana Bara	Presented by Sri Govind Charan, Mathura.
3888	Male head badly effaced. Red clay. Kushana.	Katra	Do.
3889	Terracotta head of a monkey	Rani ki Mandi	Do.
3890	Terracotta male figure, Red clay	Do	Do.
3891	Terracotta head and bust of a female figure. Black clay, Late Sunga.	Do	Do.
3892	Lower part of a terracotta image of Vasudhara with a pair of fish. Red clay. Sunga period.	Arjunpura ,,	Do.
3893	Terracotta male head badly damaged. Red clay. Kushana.	Do. ,,	Do.
3894	Terracotta monkey head. Black clay. Kushana.	Do. ,,	Do.
3895	Terracotta figure of a dwarf. Red clay. Kushana.	Kunkali Tila	Do.
3896	Terracotta male torso. The figure is shown naked. Red clay. Kushana.	Manoharpura	Do.
3997	Terracotta male torso. Red clay. Kushana.	Do	Do.
3898	Terracotta head and bust of a female figure. Red clay.	Bhuteshwar	Do.
3899	Terracotta monkey bead. Worn out, Red clay. Kushana.	Do	Do.
3900	Terracotta front part of an elephant. Black clay.		Narain Mehra, Cl. X, K. R. Inter. College, Mathura.
3901	Terracottu elephant of large size, Tra- ces of slip visible. Black clay. Maurya.	Play Ground of K. R. Inter. College, Mathura.	Presented by Sri B. C. Baneril, Principal, K. R. Inter, College, Mathura.

APPENDIX B

List of books added to the Archwological Museum Library, Mathura, during the year 1954-55

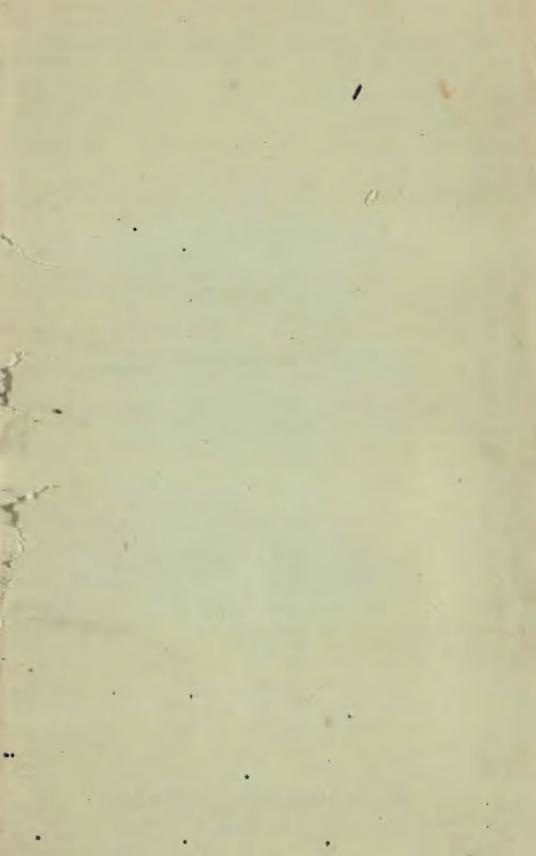
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1471	The History and Culture of the Indian People, Vol. III.—The I Classical Age (320-750 A. D.), by Majumdar and Pusalkar.	Purchased,
1472	Mirat-I-Sikandari, by Farida	Do.
1473	Udayasundari Katha, by C.D. Dulai	Do.
1474	A Forgotton Kingdom, by Sir. L. Woolley	Do,
1475	Homage to Dr. A. K. Coomaraswamy (A Memorial Volume), by S. D. Raja Singam,	Do,
1476	Indian Sadhus, by G. S. Ghurye	Do.
1477	A Guide to the Buddhist Antiquities in the Madras Museum, by Alyappan and Srinivasan.	Do.
1478	Gods, Graves and Scholars—The Story of Archaeology, by C. W. Ceram.	Do.
1479	Hindu Sanskriti Pratika Mandir Athwa Mandir Nirman-ki- Navin Yojana, by Babu Nandan Singh.	Do.
1480	Salar Jung Museum Souvenir	Do.
1481	Indian and South Indian Scripts—Bulletin of the Government Museum No. 4, by S. R. Murti.	- Do.
1482	Shravanbelgola in-pictures (Chitramaya Jain Badri), by S. R. Jain,	Do.
1483	Colossat of Shravanbelgola and other Jain Shrines of Deccan, by S. R. Jain.	Do.
1484	Some Archaeological Finds in Idar State, by P. N. Inamdar	The Director of Museums and Picture Gallery, Baroda,
1485	Saurashtra and Somanatha, by H. R. Mankad	The Museum, Jamnagar.
1486	Archaeology in Uttar Pradesh, by K. D. Bajpai	U. P. Government,
. 1487	Uttar Pradesh ki Aitihasik Vibhuti, by K. D. Bajpai	Do.
1488	Bharat Kala Bhawan, Kashi, by Rai Krishandasa	The author.
1489	March towards Progress, by the U. P. Information Directorate.	U. P. Government.
1490	Chandabai Commemoration Volume	Purchased.
• 4491	Chaur-Panchashika of Billhana, by Tadpatrikar	Do.
1492 1493	Aitreya Brahman, Parts I and II	Do,
1494	Subhasita-Ratna-Bhandagara, by R. R. Acharya	Do.
1495	to 98 Padma Purana, Parts I to IV	Do.

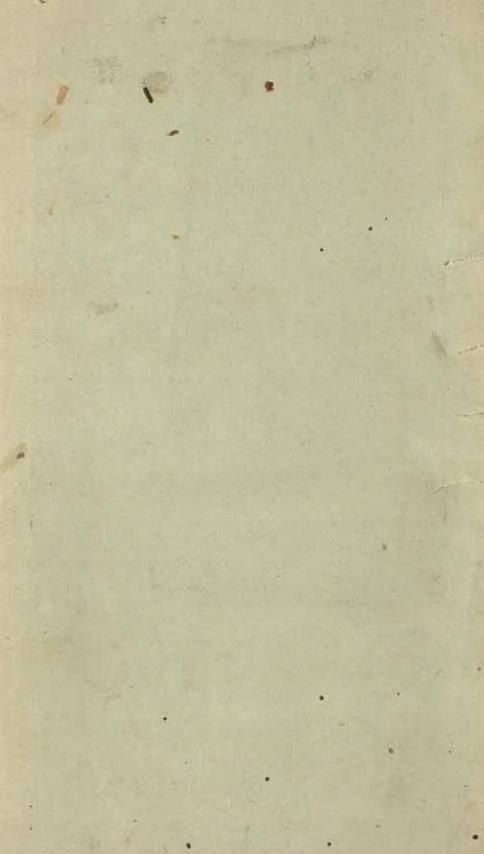
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1499	Saundarya-Lahari, by Aiyangar	Purchased.
1500	Kama-Kala-Vilasa of Punyarandanatha, by A. Avalon	Do.
1501	Pauranic Chronology, by D. R. Mankad	Do.
1502	The Pre-Mauryan History of Bihar, by D. S. Trivedi	Do.
1503	Panchavimsa-Brahmana, by .W. Caland	Do.
1504	Yasastilaka and Indian Culture, by K. K. Handique	Do.
1505	Asvaghosa, by B. C. Law	Do.
1506	My Pilgrimage to Ajanta and Bagh, by Mukul Day	Do.
1507	Studies in Indian History and Cutlure, by N. Law	· Do.
1508	A Manual of Buddhist Historical Traditions, by B. C. L. w	Do,
1509	India as described in Early Texts of Buddhism and Jainism, by B. C. Law.	Do.
1510	Ghazanivide, Ghor and Slave Dynasties by Ufi, Mazami and Asoi, by Elliot and Dówson.	Do.
1511	Memodirs of Jahangir, by Elliot and Dowson	Do.
1512	Babar and Humayun, by Elliot and Dowson	Do.
1513	Later Kings of Delhi, by Ziauddin Barni	Do.
1514	Prak Bauddha Kalin Uttar Pradesh—U. P. Panchayat Rajya June, 1954, by K. D. Bajpai.	U. P. Government.
1515 and 16	Srimud Bhagwat Puran, Vols. I—II	Purchased.
1517	Srimad Bhagwat Gita-Bhajan-Saptsati, by Sri Lalji Maharaj of Baroda.	Presented by Sri Chandra- shekhar Sastri, Ma-
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1518	Mathura-Parichaya, by K, D. Bajpai	The author.
1519	Sri Krishana-Janmasthan Ka Itihasa, by K. D. Bajpai	Do.
1520	Ultur Pradesh Men Puratattva Samagri, U. P. Panchayat Rajya →15th August, 1954, by. K. D. Bajpai.	U. P. Government,
1521	Vishleshan, by Ha Chand Joshi	Purchased.
1522	Prachin Bhartiya Parampara aur Itihasa, by Rangeya Raghava	
1523	Uttar Bharat ki Sant Parampara, by Parasuram Chaturvedi	
1524	"Mathura Through the Ages"-U. P. Information, 15th Augu 1954, by. K. D. Bajpai.	st, U. P. Government.

Serial no.	Name of book	Presented by or purchased
1525	The Religion and Philosophy of the Atharvaveda, by Dr. J. N. Shende.	Purchased.
1526	Naga-Nanda, by Harjit Singh	Do.
1527	Indian Archaeology, 1953-54. A Review by A. Ghosh, Director General of Archaeology in India, New Delhi.	Government of India.
1528	The Wonder that was India, by Dr. A. L. Basham, London:	The author.
1529	Madhya Pradesh ke Puratattva ki Rup Rekha, by Dr. M. G. Dikshit.	Purchased.
1530	Behari Parichaya, by D. N. Chaturvedi	. The author.
1531	Mathura—Planning Series 47	. U. P. Government.
1532	Treasures from Danish Museums	Danish Government.
1532A	Soutenir The Blet All India Madical Confessions	. The Medical Conference.
1533	The Voice of Ahimen, Vol V. No. 1-2 January and	. Sri. K. D Bajpai.
1534	Kalidasa ka Braja Varnan—U. P. Panchayati Rajya, 15th February, 1955.	Do.

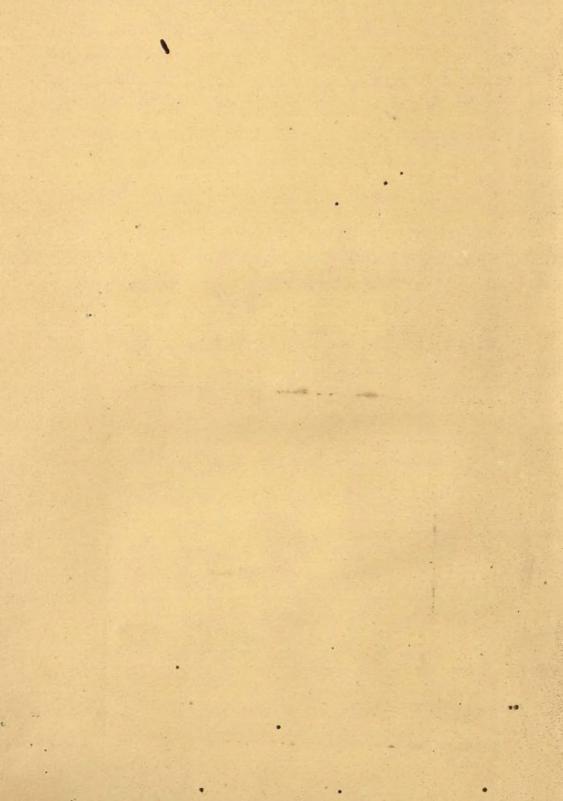
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